Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 08 May 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 09 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 07 May 2021 at 15:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a wet and windy spell through Saturday and for a return to showery conditions from Sunday. The main uncertainty relates to the frequency and intensity of showers.

Headline for Saturday 08 May 2021: Cold, increasingly windy with rain and heavy snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 08 May 2021

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
	FOG	FOG					FOG
Partly cloudy (night)	Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Fog
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	30%	70%	70%	30%	10%

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Weather: Dry with thickening cloud through the early hours. A dry, bright start before a band of rain (snow above 600m initially, rising to 800m) pushes northward, reaching Arran by mid morning and Lochaber by late morning, gradually clearing northwards by evening. Blizzard conditions expected above munro level with occasionally heavy rain affecting lower slopes, mainly in the east.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% falling almost zero by early afternoon.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above 600m expected across The Trossachs, otherwise no issues until cloud sets in more widely by late morning, this fallling to 300-500m. Whiteout conditions likely on highest slopes during snow and widely hazy on lower ground in rain, especially in east.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/11 E	15/20 E	23/29 E	32/44 SE	39/54 SE	39/53 SE	28/36 SE	16/20 SE	14/17 SE
900	9/11 SE	13/17 SE	19/26 SE	28/40 SE	34/49 SE	32/46 SE	21/29 SE	12/16 SE	10/13 SE
600	4/5 E	8/11 SE	11/18 E	28/41 SE	37/56 SE	32/50 SE	22/31 SE	7/10 SE	6/9 E
300	3/4 E	4/7 N	7/11 NE	12/21 E	25/41 E	24/41 E	15/26 E	8/15 E	3/6 E
Glen	3/6 NE	2/9 NE	8/16 NE	13/22 NE	15/31 E	15/31 E	7/12 NE	3/6 E	3/8 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-8	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-13	-3/-13	-3/-13	-2/-10	-1/-7	-0/-5
900	-2/-7	-3/-8	-2/-9	0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	0/-6	1/-4	0/-4
600	1/-1	1/-2	2/-2	4/-3	4/-2	5/-1	5/-0	4/1	3/1
300	3/2	2/1	3/-0	5/1	5/-1	5/-1	5/1	5/3	5/4
Glen	3/2	2/1	4/2	8/4	8/4	7/4	7/6	7/6	5/4
Freezing Level*	600m	500m	500m	600m	800m	1000m	1300m	1400m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Be aware of fast deteriorating conditions from the south through morning.

Forecast for Sunday 09 May 2021
Weather: Changeable conditions through the day as scattered showers develop widely but there will also be some sunshine, especially through morning. Afternoon showers are likely to be on the heavy side with a risk of thunder.

Maximum wind: Southeast 15-20 gusting 35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above 400m through morning will thicken for a time through midday before lifting and breaking. Some patches of cloud will accompany showers down to around 500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** 4-6C rising 11-13C.
At 800m: 2C rising 6C.
Freezing level: 1200m rising well above all summits.

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